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An Act To Expand Representation on the Animal Welfare Advisory Council

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 405, §4, is further amended to read:

- 1. Membership.** The council consists of ~~12~~14 members appointed by the Governor as follows:
- A. One member representing municipal interests;
 - B. One animal control officer;
 - C. One member representing licensed animal shelters;
 - D. One member representing licensed boarding ~~or breeding~~ kennels;
 - E. One member representing licensed pet shops;
 - F.
 - G. One member who is or has been a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State;
 - H. One member who owns a pet and represents the interests of the public in animal welfare, generally;
 - I. One attorney with experience in animal welfare law;
 - J. One cooperative extension agent or specialist;
 - K. One member with expertise in equine care;
 - L. One member with expertise in livestock representing a statewide farming organization; and
 - M. One member representing a ~~State-based~~state-based animal advocacy group; and
 - N. One member who holds a kennel license issued under section 3923-C; and
 - O. One member representing licensed breeding kennels.

In making the appointment of the veterinarian member, the Governor shall consider nominations made by the Maine Veterinary Medical Association. In making the appointment of the person holding a kennel license issued under section 3923-C, the Governor shall consider nominations made by state-based dog clubs.

PUBLIC Law, Chapter 333 LD 454, item 1, 124th Maine State Legislature
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